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SUBJECT: ENERGY: FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL ENERGY MINISTERS

MEETING MARKS SIGNIFICANT ALBERTA POLICY SHIFT ON

PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT

REF: OTTAWA 3836

1. SENIOR LEVEL SOURCE AT DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, MINES AND RESOURCES (EMR) TOLD EMBOFF THAT MAY 11 FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL ENERGY MINISTERS MEETING MARKED A BREAKTHROUGH IN FEDERAL RELATIONSHIP WITH ALBERTA ON ENERGY POLICY. GOA HAS BEEN FOLLOWING "A KIND OF OPEC POLICY VIS-A-VIS REST OF CANADA," SOURCE SAID; GOA HAS CONSTANTLY PRESSED FOR HIGHER OIL PRICES WHILE RESISTING NATIONAL POLICIES INTENDED TO INCREASE PRODUCTION IN ALBERTA. AT MAY 11 MEETING, HOWEVER, GOA ENERGY MINISTER DON GETTY WAS MUCH MORE FORTHCOMING ON THIS ISSUE. HE INDICATED "FAVORABLE" ATTITUDE TOWARD PROPOSALS BY EMR MINISTER GILLESPIE WHICH AIM AT STIMULATING PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT IN ALBERTA: TAX INCENTIVES TO ENCOURAGE HEAVY OIL AND TAR SANDS
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PRODUCTION AND THIRD TAR SANDS PLANT. GETTY INFORMED MEETING THAT ALBERTA IS NOW REVIEWING CHANGES THAT COULD BE MADE IN PROVINCIAL FISCAL REGIME TO STIMULATE HEAVY PETROLEUM PRODUCTION.

2. SOURCE SAID GETTY HINTED TO MEETING THAT THERE IS A MAJOR NEW OIL PLAY IN ALBERTA UNDER SHALLOW GAS FIELDS IN

SUFFIELD AREA. GETTY WOULD NOT SAY WHETHER PLAY WAS LIGHT OR HEAVY OIL. (CONSUL GENERAL CALGARY INVESTIGATED GETTY'S COMMENT AND FOUND THAT PLAY HE REFERRED TO IS APPROXIMATELY 300 MILLION BARRELS PLUS OF 14 DEGREE HEAVY. THIS IS NOT PARTICULARLY EXCITING NEWS GIVEN PROBLEMS CANADA HAS MARKETING ITS EXISTING HEAVY OIL RESOURCES.)

3. SOURCE INDICATED FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF OIL PRICE INCREASE WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE MADE UNTIL SOMETIME IN JUNE. ENDERS

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